

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. This communication is responsive to preliminary amendment filed on 14 May 2004.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 4/13/2006

4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.

7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. Other _____.



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PRIMARY PATENT EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steve S. Cha on 1 March 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 11, line 9, ---(c) --- has been added before "branching".

In claim 11, line 11, "(c)" has been replaced by ---(d)---.

In claim 11, line 13, "(d)" has been replaced by ---(e)---.

In claim 12, line 2, "(d)" has been replaced by ---(e)---.

In claim 14, line 3, "and a WDM demultiplexer (DEMUX) is" has been deleted.

In claim 14, line 14, "temperatures" has been replaced by ---temperature---.

In claim 14, line 15, "and the WDM DEMUX" has been deleted.

In claim 15, line 6, "temperatures" has been replaced by ---temperature---.

In claim 15, lines 6-7, "and the WDM DEMUX" has been deleted.

In claim 15, line 10, "temperatures" has been replaced by ---temperature---.

In claim 15, line 11, "and the WDM DEMUX" has been deleted.

In claim 15, line 14, "temperatures" has been replaced by ---temperature---.

In claim 15, line 15, "and the WDM DEMUX" has been deleted.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Doerr et al. (U.S. Patent 6,304,350 B1) teaches in FIG. 1 adjusting wavelengths of multifrequency laser based on power measured at the receiver.

Muller (U.S. Patent 6,925,266 B1) teaches in FIG. 1 wavelength adjustment base on power measurements from a wavelength demultiplexer.

Lidén et al. (U.S. Patent 6,980,742 B1) teaches in FIG. 4 algorithm for adjusting laser temperature for getting maximum power output at the receiver.

Kim et al. (U.S. Patent Application Pub. 2004/0091265 A1) teaches in FIG. 4 loop-back light sources.

The prior art fails to teach, or render obvious, "minimize the difference between the power levels of the measured downstream and upstream WDM optical signals" as recited in claim 1 in combination with the other limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shi K. Li whose telephone number is 571 272-3031. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Chan can be reached on 571 272-3022. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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